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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
FOUR LANING FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN NORTH DAKOTA
June 13, 2003

WHEREAS, the state highway system provides a vital link to our state's economic development and national defense – connecting manufacturers to retailers, farms to markets, military installations to deployment stations, and shippers to airports, railroads, and port facilities; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of a well-developed state highway system are numerous and include maintaining competitiveness in a global economy, linking major cities, moving freight, commuting to jobs, connecting education facilities, and accessing basic day-to-day services; and

WHEREAS, the transportation system has a direct effect upon the quality of life of a state's people and impacts the ability of states and communities to attract new industry and sustain economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the cost of doing business is impacted by how well goods and people can be moved across the state, country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, the vision outlined in North Dakota's Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan is that "North Dakota's transportation system is an important part of regional, national, and global systems, developed strategically to help grow and diversify the economy and enhance the quality of life"; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals outlined in the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan is "A transportation system that enhances economic diversity, growth, and competitiveness"; and

WHEREAS, two initiatives identified in the Statewide Strategic Transportation Plan call for North Dakota to improve the performance of priority transportation corridors and facilities, and to incorporate competitiveness as an integral component of transportation investment strategies; and

WHEREAS, in North Dakota, citizens and industries are spread across a large geographical area, so highways are a crucial link to the national transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the highway network to the nations security, economical, and social health should not be underestimated; and

WHEREAS, expanding irrigation development in the northwestern part of North Dakota will enhance agricultural production that is dependent on the highway system to access local processing facilities, and local as well as global markets; and

WHEREAS, the state Information Technology Plan will interconnect and enhance North Dakota communities and governmental services allowing future growth, development, and global access for North Dakota's rural areas making the statewide transportation system more vital to the State's future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hoeven, Governor of North Dakota direct the North Dakota Department of Transportation to develop and implement a policy of providing a four lane highway to serve all cities in North Dakota with a population that is greater than one percent of the state's overall population to promote economic vitality, sustain economic growth and enhance the quality of life for the people of North Dakota.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 13th day of June 2003.

Signed,
John Hoeven
Governor

Attested,
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State